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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON TERRI SCHIAVO-RELATED ISSUES

U.S. Rep. Mark Souder (R-IN), Chairman of the House Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources Subcommittee, will hold a public hearing entitled, "Federal Health Programs and Those Who Cannot Care for Themselves: What Are Their Rights, and Our Responsibilities?" The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2203 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

EVENT: Congressional hearing, entitled "Federal Health Programs and Those Who Cannot Care for Themselves: What Are Their Rights, and Our Responsibilities?"

DATE: Tuesday, April 19

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 2203, Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

WITNESSES INCLUDE:

Hon. Dave Weldon, M.D., Member of Congress
Donald A. Young, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services
Kate Adamson, an author and public speaker who experienced "locked-in syndrome" during which she was denied nutrition and hydration for several days
Prof. Bob Sedlmeyer, Indiana professor with a 19-year old incapacitated daughter for whom he and his wife provide full-time in-home care
Prof. Robert Destro, Columbus School of Law, the Catholic University of America, who served for six years as commissioner on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and led the commission's discussions in the areas of discrimination on the basis of disability
Diane Coleman, President, Not Dead Yet, a disability rights advocate, who is herself disabled (from birth) and has used a wheelchair since age 11

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